



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 1.70 , down 9.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand declines sharply from where it stood just a week ago. Wholesale prices are adjusting downward on moderate to heavy offerings and supplies and the undertone remains lower. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower for moderate offerings and supplies. Schedules are full-time, trading is slow to moderate. Feature activity at retail outlets continues to decline. The average ad price is down slightly and "no price" incentives are being employed about half as much as last ad cycle. The market for shell eggs is following a similar trend to this time last year but at a much lower starting price point.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include U.S. table egg layer flock (315,157,921), Percentage flock in molt (1.6%), and Productive table egg layer flock (310,115,395).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include Table egg layer rate (80.9%), Total egg production (250,883,354), Total eggs into breaking stock (79,780,907), Table eggs for in-shell use (171,102,448), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (475,285).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

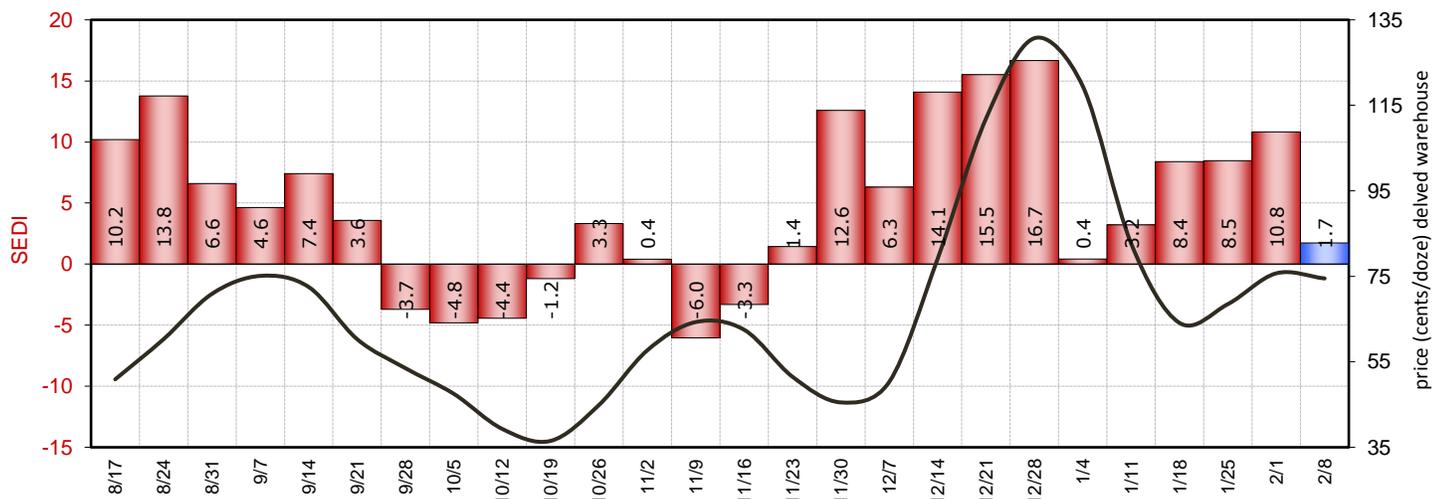
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include USDA shell egg inventory (1,340,500), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (289,924), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.70), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.62).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

1.70 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Shell Egg



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type; USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon); USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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